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WASHINGTON.

Passage of the Copper Tariff Bill in the Senate.

Bill Introduced to Authorize the Enlargement of Chicago Harbor.

Commissioner Wells' Report Attacked by the High Tariff Men.

Leading Provisions of the Postal Telegraph Bill.

Western Items in the River and Harbor Appropriation Bill.

Proposed Amendments to the National Banking Law.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.

THE LATE SECRET PROCLAMATION.

The Senate had a spread (all serving from Mr. Pierce, confectioner) to a few friends, to celebrate his late amnesty proclamation. He said the President had power to pardon treasonable acts, and might have the right to pardon in advance, but might have the right passed high strong enough.

THE COPPER TARIFF BILL.

The Senate did not see much work to-day. The ball was opened their batteries on Commissioner Wells' report, and his stock declined with Mr. Kelley's capture. He did complain of the figures, but of the conclusions drawn therefrom and characterized the report as false, dishonest and fraudulent, and the conclusions The Senate did not down by four to 11, for the pruning of twenty thousand copies was ordered.

Mr. Fessenden defended his course in the debate. Messages on the Speaker's table were read, and the course once more brought to light the United States National bank, creating an annual subsidy to the Eastern Division. It was passed by the Senate last summer, and all parties were in favor of it, except Senator Sumner, who is a partisan. Mr. Washburne opened the fight against the bill in one of his strongest and most effective speeches, which was listened to by both sides, and drew a large crowd. The debate will be continued to-morrow. All sorts of amendments have been moved to the bill, and the fate is quite in doubt.

THE VIRGINIA CONSERVATIVE COMMITTEE

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BANKING.

The Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, at the meeting today, directed the Chairman to prepare and report, at the earliest opportunity, a bill to the effect that any national bank certifying checks for any customer in excess of the amount of money he has on deposit, this to be a misdemeanor, and the offenders to be the Comptroller of the Currency, and, with regard to such practices as prevailed in New York during the panic, to be dismissed.

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STATE LEGISLATURES.

Reassembling of the Illinois Legislature.

The Fuller Railroad Bill to be Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Citizens of Cicero Petition for Annexation to Chicago.

Hon. Matt. Carpenter Nominated for United States Senator in Wisconsin.

Condition of the Senatorial Fight in Indiana.

ILLINOIS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 19.

The two houses of the General Assembly came together at 10 o'clock this morning, after a recess of four days, and entered upon their duties with activity.

THE HOUSE.

The return of the members to the city brought with them quite a large lobby influence, and to-day is noted somewhat like old times. Some of the committee rooms are opened their doors, and since yet know but themselves what is coming. Some of the members are looking over their new chambers with curious eyes in hopes that something may turn up which will enable the lobby market and give it activity. The old habitues of the lobby, who have always been on hand heretofore, ready to lend their aid to any project, and to give the necessary violence where it goes home, unable to stand the pressure of delay which forced their open doors. The last out, I did not delay to the Legislature, and not had out of the lobby about the middle of last week. His epitaph is written.

THE RAILROAD BILL.

The Tuesday has upset the railroad machinery and, so to speak, the cars of the track. Fuller's bill has made a few days stay in editorial notoriety of its probable effect of the passage of Fuller's bill through the House, upon the relations of the State to the Illinois Central Railroad, has caused much sentiment among the members, as the opposition during the proceedings of the House this morning. After the adjournment, there had a caucus of the Republican members was held, at which it was decided to send Fuller's bill to the Judiciary Committee and have their judgment before further action upon it is taken in the House. This bill, you will recollect, came up on Friday last, and was made the order of business for to-day, one hour and a half before the time fixed for the recess. An attempt was then made to suspend the rules, and put the bill immediately upon its final passage. The leader in this movement was Mr. Bailey, Chairman of the Railroad Committee. The attempt, however, was defeated, and the bill made the special order for Wednesday (to-morrow) at 10 o'clock. Mr. Fuller's bill is a long one, and contains about the bill to its final passage to-morrow, when he will probably be heard on the question of the adoption of a resolution passed, the Senate, to send it to the Judiciary Committee, has restricting railroads on the contract now existing between the State and the Illinois Central Railroad Company by which the railroad pays its property tax, amounting to one-tenth of the State revenue.

Notice to lay on the table, was lost—yeas, 31; nays, 32.

Messrs. HALLEY and WOODSON spoke against the adoption of the resolution, respectively the contract of the Attorney General on section.

Mr. HALLEY said the Legislature, if anything was needed, on no important a matter, in order to be sure of the right, should have the opinion of the Attorney General.

Mr. WOODSON said the lawyers of the Center, in the Legislature, had decided that the bill would relieve the road from payment of the property tax.

Mr. BRITH moved to amend by striking out the resolution, and inserting "give an opinion in the matter." Lost.

Mr. BECKER thought the proposal to call on the Attorney General was a mere form, and he would vote for it.

A resolution was accepted, by 72 to 26, to invite the Governor to open the session with prayer.

A resolution for paying the postage of members of the Legislature on letters and documents, by the Secretary of the Assembly, after some debate, was tabled, by a vote of 78—nays not recorded.

Five thousand copies of the Governor's message were ordered printed, by a vote of 78—nays not recorded.

Eighteen bills were introduced, namely Social, Mr. Bailey, prohibiting the Illinois Central Railroad from paying taxes, to repeal the act of last winter, the validity of which is questioned, and to provide for the filing of chattel mortgages with registers of deeds.

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FOREIGN.

Great Britain.

THE ALABAMA TREATY.

LONDON, Jan. 19.

The Times to-day analyzes the new treaty between Great Britain and the United States, for the settlement of the Alabama claims, and gives the following summary of its provisions: The main feature is to consist of four members, two to be appointed by England and two by the United States, and a fifth member to be chosen by the Swiss Minister at Washington. The first business will be to enter an umpire. Failing to do so, the matter comes upon the 6th. The resolution was discussed to considerable length to-day, and it was proposed to add a clause to the effect that the Attorney General could give more attention to the subject that could the members, and that it was unfair to expect the members to give up so much light which was now in their possession, and thus relieve many Lobbies. Thus the proposal, the Republicans, instead of waiting the action of the Attorney would be worth no more than that of any other lawyer of the majority, yet it would lighten the labors of the Republicans by reason of their habitual respect for the position of that law officer. The Democrats believe in leaving the matter against their former resolutions. The resolution was finally tabled, and the question put to vote. It was carried by yeas—Palmer, Pierce, Pinkney, Rice, Rockwell, Sherman, Smith, Stevens, Stewart, Tuttle, Wallace, Wilson, Wolfe, Wright, Zimmerman, Speaker—31; nays, 24.

Mr. BEASON moved to amend the Constitution, so as to leave each carbonate still subject to a duty of 3 per cent of its value.

Mr. WHITE opposed the amendment and then his amendment as modified was voted down.

Mr. WHITE offered another amendment, excepting from the provisions of the bill all copper carbonates of Lake Superior, and the duty imposed on shipboard on the 19th of January, 1869, which was lost—yeas, 24; nays, 34.

Mr. WHYTE moved to fix the time for the act to go into effect on April 1st. Rejected.

The bill then passed, the following present voting for its affirmative, except the following:

Davis, Grimes, Vail, Walker, Harris, McCreary, Vickers, Jerry, Seamus, Wayte, Hawkins, Stevens.

Besides the provisions in the amendments mentioned in the report, the bill imposes an ad valorem tax of 10 per cent on all copper ores, and on all copper in the form of ores, three cents on each pound of copper contained therein; on all copper, in any form of manufacture, four cents per pound; on all copper in plates, in the form of sheets, and in other forms not mentioned, whether bottom commerced, five cents per pound.

THE BILL DEFINING PIERAGE BILL.

Mr. EDMUNDS moved to take up his report on the bill in regard to the payment of the pierage bill.

Mr. CONNESS moved to do the Executive session, which was done at 4:40, and soon after the Senate adjourned.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. PAINE called up the report of the House to a letter received by him from the Adjutant-General of the United States, in relation to the number of colored men now serving in Virginia, and in other States, who had been enlisted in the service of the Freedmen's Bureau, or had served in the regular army. The Adjutant General stated that the number of colored men

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BOARD OF HEALTH.

Report of the Sanitary Superintendent.

[illegible] Board of Health was [illegible] the sanitary condition of the city [illegible] the total number of deaths [illegible] Among the principal causes [illegible] Accident, 2; brain disease, 4; [illegible] 1; pleurisy, 1; pneumonia, 7; [illegible] Deaths for the week ending Jan. [illegible] Ward, 1; Second, 2; Third, [illegible] Fourth, 1; Fifth, 1; Sixth, [illegible] Ward, 1; Eleventh, 1; Twelfth, 1; [illegible] Ward, 1; Fifteenth, 1; Sixteenth, 1; Seventh, 1; Eighteenth, 1; Nineteenth, 1; Twenty-first, 1; Twenty-second, 1; Twenty-third, 1; Twenty-fourth, 1; Twenty-fifth, 1; Twenty-sixth, 1; Twenty-seventh, 1; Twenty-eighth, 1; Twenty-ninth, 1; Thirty-first, 1; Thirty-second, 1; Thirty-third, 1; Thirty-fourth, 1; Thirty-fifth, 1; Thirty-sixth, 1; Thirty-seventh, 1; Thirty-eighth, 1; Thirty-ninth, 1; Forty-first, 1; Forty-second, 1; Forty-third, 1; Forty-fourth, 1; Forty-fifth, 1; Forty-sixth, 1; Forty-seventh, 1; Forty-eighth, 1; Forty-ninth, 1; Fifty-first, 1; Fifty-second, 1; Fifty-third, 1; Fifty-fourth, 1; Fifty-fifth, 1; Fifty-sixth, 1; Fifty-seventh, 1; Fifty-eighth, 1; Fifty-ninth, 1; Sixty-first, 1; Sixty-second, 1; Sixty-third, 1; Sixty-fourth, 1; Sixty-fifth, 1; Sixty-sixth, 1; Sixty-seventh, 1; Sixty-eighth, 1; Sixty-ninth, 1; Seventy-first, 1; Seventy-second, 1; Seventy-third, 1; Seventy-fourth, 1; Seventy-fifth, 1; Seventy-sixth, 1; Seventy-seventh, 1; Seventy-eighth, 1; Seventy-ninth, 1; Eighty-first, 1; Eighty-second, 1; Eighty-third, 1; Eighty-fourth, 1; Eighty-fifth, 1; Eighty-sixth, 1; Eighty-seventh, 1; Eighty-eighth, 1; Eighty-ninth, 1; Ninety-first, 1; Ninety-second, 1; Ninety-third, 1; Ninety-fourth, 1; Ninety-fifth, 1; Ninety-sixth, 1; Ninety-seventh, 1; Ninety-eighth, 1; Ninety-ninth, 1; Hundred-first, 1; Hundred-second, 1; Hundred-third, 1; Hundred-fourth, 1; Hundred-fifth, 1; Hundred-sixth, 1; Hundred-seventh, 1; Hundred-eighth, 1; Hundred

THE WORKINGMEN.

Meeting of Representatives of Trades Unions.

Mechanics' Lien Laws—Apprenticeship System—Convict Labor.

Drafts of Acts to be Presented to the Legislature.

The Question of Taxation.

A meeting of workingmen and mechanics was held in the Reporter's Court-Room last evening, to hear the reports of the Committees on the Mechanics' Lien Law, the Apprenticeship System, and Convict Labor. There was a very large attendance. On motion, the following officers were elected:

OFFICERS.

President—Charles M. Hoyne.

Vice Presidents—C. G. Wicker, W. W. Smith, S. P. Dewey, Joel Bullard, J. M. Forgeher, A. C. Van Arman, John Boyce, Chester Green, Thomas Sullivan, Jas. Bradley, Joseph Hurwitz, Charles A. Whitney, G. F. Emmons, S. Goodfield.

Secretaries—W. C. McGhee, C. H. Hanchett and Jonas Rotherham.

COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT.

M. Wicker moved that the Chairman of the different Trades Unions should name the number they represented. Agreed to.

The Chairman responded as follows:

Jas. Bradley, 500; Jas. Gillespie, 300; Stephen Jones, 50; Jas. Quinlan, 100; Thomas Gaffney, 1,000; Joseph Hurwitz, Clothing Cutters' Union, 1,000; Jas. Gillespie, 300; Jas. Quinlan, 100; Jas. Bradley, 500; Thomas Gaffney, 1,000; Joseph Hurwitz, Clothing Cutters' Union, 1,000; Platterers, 150.

THE APPRENTICE LAW.

The committee to which was referred the subject of the apprentice law, reported as follows:

Section 1. That all children under the age of fourteen may be bound by indenture or covenant to remain in service, or to learn a trade, or to be their servants, or their men, with or without their consent, and all persons under the age of twenty-one years, shall be bound, with their consent, for not less than two years nor more than five years, to serve the trade of the master or mistress to whom they are apprenticed.

Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 to remain as they are now.

Section 11 to be altered so as to read as follows: "The indenture shall be provided for the master or mistress shall cause such clerks, apprentices or servants, to be taught to read and write and to receive a common school education."

Section 12 to remain as it is.

Section 13 to be left entirely out.

Section 14 to remain as it is.

Section 15 to remain as it is, except the last sentence, which to read as follows: "and if the child be unable to discharge," &c., which is to be left out.

Sections 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 to remain as they are.

Section 22 to read as follows: "Any child, apprentice, or servant, bound according to the provisions of this act, who shall absent himself from the service of his or her master or mistress, or who shall be ill-treated by, or who shall run away, so that the master or mistress shall be deprived of the services of such child, apprentice or servant, or any part thereof, for which he or she may be entitled to the same, or who shall, in this case, it shall and may be lawful for the master or mistress to complain to any justice of the peace, who is hereby authorized and required, on receipt of such complaint, to issue his warrant, directed to any constable of the county, to bring such child, apprentice or servant, before such justice of the peace, who shall, upon proof, either of the allegation of any complaint or of such facts as shall satisfy any judge or justice of the peace in the county in which such child or apprentice shall be, or such